

## **John Hutchings**

### **1850-1950 Centennial Biography**

John Hutchings, son of William Lawrence and Mary Wanlass Hutchings was born in Lehi, Utah, on March 11, 1889, the youngest child of ten. The family consisted of six boys and four girls. He was baptized into the Latter-day Saint Church when he was eight.

He attended school at Lehi and one year at the Brigham Young University. He started working in the mines when sixteen, following this occupation until 1918, with the exception of thirty months spent as a Latter-Day missionary in the Northern States Mission, Southern Illinois Conference.

While working in the Scranton Mining Company, he acted as mail messenger which necessitated two trips weekly to Lofgreen, eighteen miles away.

In the spring of 1918, he was contacted by Postmaster Jos. Anderson and advised that Lehi was to have a letter carrier in village delivery service, and to try for the position. He received his Civil Service appointment September 1, 1918, and acted in this service until his retirement in 1948.

He married Eunice Colledge, daughter of Thomas and Mary S. Colledge September 17, 1913, in the Salt Lake Temple.

He has been active in Church having filled the offices of Sunday School Superintendent, President of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, Scoutmaster, Ward Bishopric, and member of Lehi Stake Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association Board.

He has a natural tendency for collecting natural history specimens and at the present time has one of the finest collections in the state.